

Stakeholder Update for Amended Agreement State Status - Uranium Mills and Tailings Utah Division of Radiation Control Utah Department of Environmental Quality Update #9 - November 1, 2002

Purpose: This is a series of updates to be provided to stakeholders interested in following the process of the Division of Radiation Control's efforts to achieve an amended Agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to regulate uranium mills and tailings within the State of Utah

Groundwater update: On October 25, 2002, a <u>letter</u> was sent to Paul Lohaus of the NRC Office of State and Tribal Programs requesting a determination of the regulatory and process path forward to facilitate Utah's request that the proposed Utah groundwater program is equivalent to the comparable NRC groundwater program under 10 CFR Part 40. Three enclosures were included in the packet:

- Description of the Proposed Utah Groundwater Program for Uranium Mills and Tailings
- Executive Summary Comparison of NRC Groundwater Protection Criteria in 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A with Utah Ground Water Quality Protection Regulations (UAC R317-6)
- Comparison of NRC Groundwater Protection Criteria in 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A with Utah Ground Water Quality Protection Regulations (UAC R317-6)

Copies of the letter and the three enclosures are available through the DRC website at: http://www.deq.state.ut.us/EQRAD/Stakeholder Updates.htm

Submission of final application: With the completion of rulemakings, the Division is preparing the final application to submit to the NRC for review. The Division is also awaiting a determination on the "groundwater issue" by the NRC. It is anticipated that the final application will be submitted prior to the end of the current calendar year.

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